

HEAR ROBERTSON IN POLICE COURT

Colored Driver for Alvey Brothers Released From Prison on \$800 Bond.

NO OTHER CHARGES YET

Grand Jury Expected to Make Searching Inquiry Into Grain Graft Scheme.

James Robertson, the negro who was arrested in Powhatan Friday morning and brought back here on suspicion of being implicated in a scheme to defraud the city in connection with a contract to furnish supplies to the city stables, was before the grand jury yesterday in the seat of \$800. His wife, Pattie Robertson, furnished a bond of \$500, and S. G. Trent, a colored citizen of Powhatan county, furnished the remaining \$300. The Robertsons are also originally from this county, where they are said to possess some small property.

No charges against others have been brought up, though there is a general belief that present suspicion will soon germinate into action against the responsible people who thought it best to be implicated in the steal from the city.

Have Searching Inquiry. As the stealing is alleged to have extended over a long period of time, it is impossible to tell how much has been drawn from the city treasury to pay for cobblestones.

But it is firmly suspected that many hundred-weight of the big pebbles have been carted off and forth in the wagons which delivered oats and other feed to the city stables.

Further action will probably not be taken until the Council Committee on Streets has held its investigation, after which it will submit a report to the grand jury. If developments warrant it, to conduct an inquiry. No one doubts that there will be a searching inquiry, and that it will not be alone the shoulders of the simple-looking negro upon which the burden of blame will fall.

One of the charges against him, brought by Mr. Alvey, is that he stole \$3 worth of oats from the grain dealer, but there has been no proof brought out yet that he stole a single grain, though it is, of course, possible that he did actually commit the theft. It is generally believed, however, that this charge will not be sustained. Robertson will be called in Police Court this morning.

WEEK AT CITY HALL

Grain Matter May Come In for Greater Consideration This Week.

Beyond the discussion of the grain contract, and the possible developments, attention at the City Hall this week centers around the special meeting of the Board of Aldermen, called for Wednesday night. At the regular meeting of the Board there was but a bare quorum, and all matters requiring a two-thirds vote had to be passed by acclamation. A number of matters of general interest, including the curfew with the lower branch in ordering a number of improvements to streets and sewers.

The Committee on Electricity meets tomorrow night to hear preliminary reports on the progress of the work at the electric plant; the Committee on Water will meet on Thursday to prepare and forward to the Council a schedule of the work needed for improvement of the water supply, including the laying of new mains to supply some sections of the city in which the water supply is now deficient; and the Committee on Ordinances, Charter and Reform will meet on Friday night with an extended docket of proposed new ordinances to consider.

ORGANIZE COLLEGE MEN

Democratic Clubs to Be Formed Throughout Virginia This Fall. Warren Jefferson, of Fort Defiance, Va., cousin of the late President of the Confederacy, has been appointed to direct the campaign for the establishment of Democratic clubs in every college and university in the country. He is vice-president of the National Democratic League of College Clubs, which met in session in New York in the last national campaign and did much to disseminate Democratic doctrine in the colleges over the nation.

The movement is to organize clubs from the present on, fostering discussion of the political issues of the day among the students of America, and setting before them the Democratic political propaganda. The league has a large part in the contents of "The National Monthly," the paper published by Norman E. Mack, late chairman of the National Democratic Committee, in the C. Irving Carey, of Norfolk, is State vice-president of this league, and he and Mr. Davis will this fall organize Democratic clubs in all of the Virginia colleges.

WALKING SUNDAY BAR ROOM

Wiley Downe, colored, caught with seven half-plats of whiskey on him. Wiley Downe, colored, became famous yesterday for his walk in the streets, carrying a large quantity of whiskey. After he had been arrested on a charge of selling whiskey on the street, seven half-plats of liquor were found in his possession. How many he had sold the police do not know, but they have evidence that he sold some and it is as much a violation of law to sell one half-plate as it is to sell a dozen. Downe's chief grievance was that he had not had nothing to say when arrested, and all his stock before the police swooped down on him.

COACHMAN ARRESTED

Alexander Murray charged with Theft of Money from Langhorne Putney. Alexander Murray, a white man employed by Langhorne Putney on his place on the Dumfries Road, was arrested early yesterday morning by Deputy Sheriff Traylor and Constable Burch, charged with the theft of money. Murray had nothing to say when arrested, and had none of the money, which was said to have been of English denomination, on his person. The officers are now trailing down other suspects and looking for the money, which they believe to be hidden, probably on Mr. Putney's premises. Murray is a Scotchman and is about thirty-five years of age. He has been serving as coachman.

DUCKS IS DUCKS, TROUGH ONE MAN CAN'T BUY ALWAYS

Gobbles Up Six From Neighbor That Kept Him Awake, Then Neighbor Bought Twelve More, Which Means Profanity, Not Slumber.

It was "quack, quack, quack" all the night long, and Mr. Neighbor, in his dire distress, went to a police officer to know if he couldn't have something done about those six ducks in the next backyard. He complained that they woke him all night long, and for weeks he had not been able to sleep a wink. He looked haggard and worn.

"I've asked my neighbor to stop 'em," he said bitterly, "but he says that he can't stop ducks from quacking any more than he can stop the sun from shining. He's not a second cousin. I've been at him time and again, and the infernal ducks quack worse than ever after each visit. What am I going to do?"

"The officer puzzled a few moments. 'The law can't help you,' he said, 'unless you swear out a warrant charging the man with keeping a common nuisance, and I don't know even with that whether the law could force a man to stop his ducks from quacking. You see ducks are a legal nuisance, or birds, whatever they are, and they will quack.'

Suddenly a bright thought struck him. "I tell you what you do. You go and buy those ducks. You say there are only six of them, and you ought to be able to buy them cheap."

The very next morning, bright and early, for he had not been able to sleep a moment, the complainant appeared at his neighbor's front door and asked if he had any ducks to sell.

"Why, yes," the neighbor replied. "I've got 'em for you."

"I'm exactly satisfied with the breed," "Nor am I," thought the other bit-

terly to himself. "If I wouldn't be satisfied with any breed of ducks, and if ever I get hold of these I'll fix them. How much you want?" he asked, trying to appear nonchalant and as if he didn't care much whether he got them or not.

"I'll let you have 'em cheap—dollar apiece."

"Done, give 'em here."

"What, want 'em right away?"

"Right away, turn 'em!"

The ducks were soon caught and he carried them away. "John," he said to his man, "kill these ducks now, right now, do you hear?"

Ere the setting of the sun the ducks had quacked their last and were hanging by their feet in the pantry. "That night the breeze blew cool from the river, and sleep was sweet. Only a sparrow tweeted now and then from some distant bough, and the lace curtains brushing against the window made the only noise. He slept soundly. All went well for a week.

Then the ducks appeared before the same officer. "Look here," he stammered, "do you know what that big fool has done and done?"

"What?"

"Why, blame me if he hasn't gone and bought twelve new ducks with the money I paid him for those other six, and all the noise you ever heard—"

He exploded.

"Well, buy 'em again. All that I can see for you to do is to keep on buying 'em."

Infinitely came so thick and fast that the atmosphere was lurid for an hour after the man left to buy the dozen ducks.

GODDESS TURNING TO GREEN AGAIN

Tar Lady on Washington Monument May Soon Shake Off Coat of Black.

Although she has not recovered from a dash of olive oil, the goddess which sits at the feet of George Mason, on the Washington monument, is getting back her glory. Within the past few weeks the shiny coat of black has faded somewhat. That sleekness is disappearing, and the tar-lady looks like an old cooking stove that needs a new coat of polish.

But what struck the fancy of the crowds who watched her yesterday was a trace of green upon her slender arm. It is returning slowly; the bronze tinge is coming out, and the tar-lady is shaking off the black just as a rattlesnake would come out of the old skin in the spring. Still, there is a great difference, between the black one and the others, for the others have a gorgeous tone, that shines magnificently in the sunlight. There are spots about the figure that are changing, and there is the hope of rejuvenation, though it will require months for the effects of the vandalism to entirely disappear.

"I believe the goddess will recover from the shock," said an artist yesterday, "but it is a question in my mind if this can be done without evidence of permanent injury. The only good point connected with this matter is that the goddess will be restored to her original color. There ought to be a law to protect our monuments, just as there is a law to protect our squirrels."

CAFE CLOSES TO-DAY

Miss Pitzer Gives Up Dining Room in Hanover Apartments.

Announcement was made last night that the cafe which has been opened by Miss L. U. Pitzer at the Hanover Apartments, corner of Adams and Franklin Streets, will be closed this morning, and a number of those who have been frequenting the place in the big new flat building will have to seek other quarters. The building was recently remodeled and enlarged by W. A. Chesterman, and contained both housekeeping and non-housekeeping apartments, and the place has been given over to the cafe, and a dining room. Owing to lack of patronage, Miss Pitzer has surrendered her lease, and the dining-room will be closed after breakfast this morning.

To Cut Many Watermelons.

The Tuberosc Club, an organization made up of the young people of Church Hill, will give a big open-air entertainment to-night on the lawn of 512 North Twenty-eighth Street. Though there will be other good things, the main article of diet will be watermelons. Already a cartload of the best to be got in Hanover has been purchased for the occasion. They are now in ice chests waiting for time to be called. A band of music has also been hired for the entertainment for members of the club and their guests.

Return to Poughkeepsie.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Daley and sons, Charles and Edmund, have returned to their home in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., after a stay of two weeks in Hanover. Daley's sister, Mrs. Ben Ladd, of Henrico.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia—Fair weather and rising temperature Monday; Tuesday light to moderate variable winds, mostly east.

CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.

Richmond's weather was cool and clear. Thermometer at midnight, 65.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.			
Place.	Ther.	W.	Wind.
Ashville.....	68	Clear	
Augusta.....	78	6 P. cloudy	
Atlanta.....	70	82 Clear	
Buffalo.....	68	80 P. cloudy	
Kansas City.....	84	92 Clear	
New Orleans.....	84	90 Clear	
Oklahoma City.....	80	91 Clear	
Pittsburg.....	72	78 Clear	
Raleigh.....	74	82 Clear	
Norfolk.....	70	78 Clear	
Tampa.....	78	84 Rain	
Washington.....	68	80 Clear	
Wilmington.....	72	82 Clear	
Yellowstone.....	72	80 Cloudy	

MINIATURE ALMANAC.			
Sun rises.....	6:23	HIGH TIDE.	
Sun sets.....	6:52	Moon sets.....	9:57
Moon sets.....	11:24	Evening.....	10:12

GAMBLERS JUMP FROM WINDOW

One Carried Sash With Him and Other Took Food for Long Journey to Woods.

Surprised at the sudden appearance of a couple of officers, who broke in on their skin game at 4:50 o'clock yesterday morning, four negroes took a header out of the second-story window at 917 North Seventeenth Street, and struck the ground running. They are still running. The police have a warrant for one of them, and not a hair of his head has been seen since. It is believed that he is hidden somewhere in the recesses of the Henrico woods, where a man has never before tracked his way.

One of the jumpers carried the window sash away with him, and another got a pie from the window sill as he crashed through. They are experienced divers, and would break the world's record in high diving without water if some Barnum would come along and give them a chance.

The other eight were caught by the police, and were carried to the First Police Station for a little rest from the distractions of "skin."

Albert Robinson, colored, who has been on the jump since July 26, when a warrant was sworn out against him, charging him with cutting John Hudson, was caught yesterday. He looked rather tired.

Charles Pittman, colored, was locked up on a charge of breaking into the home of George Bush and stealing therefrom one clock valued at dollars blank, which is the police way of making valuation when they know nothing about it. It is reported that Pittman carried the clock away without help.

FOOTBALL RULES

Just Published in the Spalding Official Guide.

Spalding's Official Football Guide for 1909 has just been published. This book, which is so eagerly sought by football players, is more complete than ever. It contains over 300 pages and is replete with a great amount of information concerning the sport. The revised rules for the coming season, of course, form the chief feature of the publication. In addition to that there are all America sections by Walter Camp and other leading authorities; a review of the season of 1909 by Mr. Camp; a Representative Teams and their work in 1908; Football in the Middle States, by George W. Orton; Football in New England, by J. B. Pendleton; Football in the Middle West, by A. A. Stagg; University of Chicago, All Western Football, by E. C. Patterson; Football in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association, by Dan E. McGugin; Vanderbilt University; South Atlantic Football, by W. A. Lambeth; Scholastic Football of Greater Boston, by John J. Hallahan; Football in Western Pennsylvania, by Edward M. Therry; Football in the United States Navy, by C. P. Segard; Football in Ohio, by T. L. Terrell; Ohio Football, by L. W. St. John; Football in Illinois, by Frank Hagerty; Intercollegiate Football in Michigan, by E. L. Knickerbocker; Football in the Rocky Mountains, by James L. Carr; Football in the Northwest, by Douglas Breckin; Football in the Pacific Northwest, by C. N. McArthur. Other important features of the book this year are records of games in 1908; a list of leading colleges with names of captains, with the positions they play, coaches and managers, and the schedules of games for 1909 of all the principal colleges, nearly 1,000 contests, listing teams. The closing chapter of the book this year is the officials' list of American Intercollegiate Football Rules Committee, as compiled by the central board of officials, of which Professor James A. Habbit, of Haverford, is chairman. Included with this list is the Western list of officials as approved by the Intercollegiate Conference; also the Southern list.

Hurricane at Porto Rico. Section Director Edward A. Evans, of the local Weather Department, received yesterday afternoon a special dispatch from the United States Weather Bureau, saying that the West Indian hurricane, which is of great intensity, is now central near and south of Porto Rico. It is moving westward. Conditions will be dangerous in these waters for the next several days.

RICHMOND GREAT CONVENTION CITY

Many Important Associations to Meet Here Within the Next Twelve Months.

MAY GET COTTON SPINNERS

American Public Health Association to Hold Its Convention in October.

Richmond's place as a convention city, secured in the Jamestown Exposition year, when many notable gatherings were held here, and maintained since by a generous hospitality and careful attention to the details of comfort and arrangement for the visitors, is to be more firmly established during this fall and winter by the gathering here of a number of associations of national note, attracting men of scientific attainment and of business enterprise, and causing the city to be widely known and talked of throughout the country.

Health officers of the United States meet here this fall to discuss sanitary problems; wholesale druggists are scheduled for a convention of great importance to a trade in which Richmond has been for many years a recognized center; first-class postmasters, in session in Toledo during the past week, voted for Richmond as a meeting place over six other applicants, and the American Pharmaceutical Association, embracing in its membership some of the leading chemists and experienced druggists of the day, in session at Los Angeles, Cal., on Friday night, decided on Richmond for its 1910 meeting place.

White Cotton Men Arrive.

An invitation has been extended by the board of governors of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association to meet here shortly, and at this meeting the time and place of the next annual convention will be determined. The spinners have met here for two successive years, and regard this as the most central and desirable point for their deliberations. Cincinnati, New Orleans, Atlanta and New York are the cities proposed for this body, but several of the leaders have openly expressed a desire to return to Richmond. Business Manager Dabney, of the Chamber of Commerce, is now in the West. His invitations to the post-annual convention for this body, which he has gone on to Chicago to present an invitation to the National Laundrymen's Association, in company with M. B. Florsheim, president of the local Association of Laundrymen.

Among the trade conventions, announcement was made on Saturday that the National Association of Mercantile Agents, in session during the past week in Boston, would meet here next year, the invitation having been extended by G. Norris Shuman, one half of the local Credit Men, and the Retail Merchants' Association. An invitation will be extended this week to the Associated Advertising Clubs of America, which will meet here in the Charles E. Ivey, who represents this city, asking the advertising men to meet here in 1910. Other bodies of social, fraternal, religious, or commercial character, have either been accepted, he has gone on to Chicago to present an invitation to the National Laundrymen's Association, in company with M. B. Florsheim, president of the local Association of Laundrymen.

Public Health Meeting.

Among the most interesting conventions scheduled for meeting here in Richmond in the near future are the American Public Health Association and the National Association of Wholesale Druggists. The first brings to this city the sanitary and health officers of cities and States throughout the country, and the discussions cannot fail to be illuminating and interesting, especially at a time when matters of public health are more in the public mind than ever before, and when the temper of the people is ripe for the institution of reforms in the city and country, even though the great expense entailed. The prevention of the spread of disease is recognized as that branch of medical science which has made the most signal advance in recent years, not even excepting surgery, in which wonderful strides have been made. That some diseases have already been practically exterminated, and that others are so under control as to be no longer a menace, is sufficient proof of the value of the work of the sanitary officers, and clean living, is after all so simple that it may be understood and practiced by all.

Great Body of Druggists.

The wholesale druggists represent one of the largest of the mercantile associations, the members including the leading houses engaged in the drug trade throughout the United States. Papers relating to the classification and enforcement of the recent Federal statutes in regard to pure food and drugs, and the handling of proprietary articles containing alcohol, in prohibition States, will be among the topics of greatest interest at this year's meeting.

The Association of Wholesale Druggists is a body of merchants engaged in pushing a large and well organized business. It is only indirect relations with the American Pharmaceutical Association, which has voted to meet here next year, and which is made up of registered pharmacists, chemists and experts in the manufacture and compounding of drugs and medicines, including men whose discoveries in the field of medical chemistry have made them famous.

All of the conventions to meet in Richmond during the fall and winter will be received by a special committee of the Chamber of Commerce and a similar special committee representing the City Council, together with the Mayor and presidents of the two branches of the Council, who are ex officio members of this committee.

Boothblack Shaves Night Watchman. Shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday morning, when some of the night workers were going home, they saw a light in a barber shop, which was an unusual sight for that hour. Crawling up close to the door, they heard sounds within, then the laugh follows what is generally called a "night watchman." The boy was evidently giving a trial performance, after he had concluded his Saturday night's work of cleaning up the shop.

EDUCATED HORSE FAILED ONLY ONCE TO MAKE MAIL

Hero Charlie Ran Mile Every Night Without Rider to Catch Early Train, but Hit Water Wagon in Rush and Broke His Neck.

"You may talk as you please about trained seals and trained geese," said a man last night who has traveled some. "In the city of Richmond, an old horse named Charlie, that once belonged to Alfred B. Williams, of Richmond. Years ago Mr. Williams was editor of the Greenville News, and very naturally this wise animal was a native of South Carolina."

"In the city's newspapers had to get along the best they could, financially and otherwise. Sometimes they caught the mails; then again they did not, and the News had more than its share of bad luck until Charlie came upon the scene. From the News office to the Southern Railway station was a good mile. When Charlie got a touch of the Bohemian life and liked it he was delegated to meet Train 35—the people always speak of trains by number in the South. At first the effort was made to get Charlie to the station with the early mail, and night after night, in rain, snow and moonlight, they made that mile in about fifty-four, racing up to the side of the postal car for the clerk to lift it in."

"But one night they were late in station, and the far-away rumble of the train was heard before Charlie was ready for the dash. You can imagine the soft swearing when the office devil talked about excitement—they had it then. Zach, the janitor, had been training a couple of white rats to do the pas ma la dance, so he buckled the mail on Charlie's back and told him to like. The horse had more sense than Zach and the others, for he took his head up and down, and raced away as if there were real oats at the other end."

"Nobody knew for the moment what

became of the first mail that night, because the man who drove the express wagon came back with a story of Charlie's run work, declaring that he had shuffled up to the side of the mail car, and that the postal clerk had made it possible for subscribers south of Greenville to get what they assumed to be the first mail of the season. Charlie got his first square meal the next day, and they talked about him at the tea parties and the mothers' clubs. He was a horse hero for fair."

"At first the office devil had no free rides, for Charlie made the mails, and he was more reliable than a pious mule tube. "Night after night people used to stick their heads out of the windows along Washington Street to see Charlie run after he had straightened himself out from the first turn. He kept that up for a year, until something happened."

"As usual, the paper was late, and thirty-five was almost within sight of the yards when the mail bag was buckled on. 'Yo ain't got much time, Charlie,' said Zach, the janitor, as he gave the rope the last twist. 'Old thirty-five is nearly in. Think yer kin make it, and I'll be right with yer.' He bed his head up and down and went away like a streak. He had to run fast or miss, so he traveled just as if the last had been applied. Right in front of where the flower boys now live somebody had left a water wagon with a broken axle, and nobody had sense enough to put up a danger signal. There are many big trees thereabouts, and being late, Charlie was running in the high gear and in the dark. He never knew what happened, for he ran into the water wagon and broke his neck. And that was the only time he ever missed the mail."

TIPS C. & O. TO REACH PAR SOON

Financial Expert Says Wall Street Expects It to Climb With Hawley.

According to the financial writer of the New York Tribune, Wall Street still believes that under the Hawley management Chesapeake and Ohio stock is expected to reach par. Discussing the proposition yesterday, the Tribune said:

"Chesapeake and Ohio has given an especially good account of itself during the turmoil of the week. Among the railroads of the country Chesapeake and Ohio will have prominent place for some time to come, for the reason of progress in the plans which Edwin Hawley develops for the property's expansion. Chesapeake ceases to be merely a Southern road. It is becoming the nucleus of a system which will in time respectably have place in the national front rank. One fact that investors can count upon rests in the certainty of vastly increased dividend earnings—3 per cent, being a moderate prediction of what is officially counted upon for the current fiscal year. The dividend rate, naturally, must soon rise—and official announcements close at hand will be likely to make this dividend advance seem sure not merely to rise, but to rise substantially. If Chesapeake does not before long reach par, there are important financiers who are miscalculating. Meanwhile, the stock seems to be so held as to be independent of any see-saws by the rest of the market."

OH YOU, INDIAN!

Had Many Pole Fences Abroad When Voyage Ended at Providence.

Richmond passengers who left Norfolk a week ago yesterday on the steamship Indian for Providence, got back home yesterday with stories of the roughest storm that ever shook a landlubber. There was a heavy sea for hours, the wind cut capers everywhere, and while there was never a chance or thought of danger, the palefaces were sick unto death when the Indian crept into Providence eighteen hours overdue.

"I have been up and down the coast every summer for six years," said a city resident, "but let me tell you that the boat shook me until I didn't have a friend. It was fierce. Men accustomed to rough weather tum-bled over in distress; women stuck to the staterooms, and the dining saloon looked like the pincushion. The high seas scalped us, and we didn't want to eat."

Mr. Green Returns.

William A. Green has returned to the city after a pleasant trip to the Northern resorts.

COUNCIL TEAM TO HAVE GOOD THINGS ON BASES

Every Sack Will Offer Refreshment in Hope of Keeping Baltimore From Passing Third on Dash to Home Plate.

The terrapin team of the City Council of Baltimore has stolen a march on the Richmond municipal team. It is going to have the advantage of a game with the Philadelphia team, and the local bachelors must get together and do some fast work at Broad Street Park to-day at 5. Only a week will intervene between the Philadelphia game and the one here. The Baltimore-Philadelphia game will be played in the latter place. Several features by way of entertainment for the visitors from Baltimore have been arranged by the Phillie Phanatic. There will be a trip up to the City Hall to meet the Mayor, and a climb to the top of the City Hall dome, which the Baltimoreans declare is for the purpose of putting the swift legs of the team out of commission. After the game an elaborate dinner will be served the two rival municipal nines, and others of great corporate capacity at the Hotel Kernan.

Field Captain Ratcliffe is not to be daunted by this news, and will this afternoon demand a practice game that will make the Baltimore-Philadelphia game look like a kindergarten contest. Every effort will be put forth to make the attendance this afternoon as complete as possible. The proposition is to have a tub of jelly at first, a keg of beer at second, cigarettes at short, and brandy punch at third has met with general favor. Attention is called to the fact that stolen bases will be numerous, for under the rule of municipal baseball etiquette, the baseman must hand the runner a flagon of the nearest brew before touching him with the ball or throwing to another base. Sergeant-at-Arms Ratcliffe will be specially requested to escort to the bromo seltzer baths any player who tries to run to third instead of first on a hit. There will be no royal road to the grand slam this time.

Low Pressure in Certain Sections Cause of Loud Complaint.

Loud complaints are coming from the neighborhood of Second and Franklin Streets, at the inadequacy of water pressure in that section, said to be the highest point in the city—certainly the highest in that part of Richmond. One well-known citizen reported to the Committee on Water at its last meeting that when he wanted to take a bath, it was necessary to turn the water on the night before in order to have a tub full the next morning. With the stopping of pumps at the Old Pump House and the filling of the Marshall Reservoir from the New Reservoir, the pressure has been even lighter at the high points in the city.

According to Superintendent Davis, of the Water Department, additional through mains are urgently needed, and even this may not entirely cure the difficulty, of which the complaint is daily becoming more acute.

Last year Mr. Davis asked a special appropriation to bring a new large main from the Reservoir to Broad Street; thence to Bowe Street; then to Marshall, and down the full length of Marshall Street to Fourteenth, connecting with the cross-mains and giving better pressure both for house service and fire protection all along the main ridge on which the city is built. Nearly all the expenditure was for the installation of expensive pumping facilities in the new High School Building, the pressure not being sufficient to force water to the third floor.

Another standpipe like the one in Lee District, erected on some high point near the heart of the city, is believed by engineers to be the only solution of the problem, although new mains with a more abundant supply would to some extent meet the situation. A special appropriation may be asked to remedy a condition which in a large and prosperous section of the main city has become acute.

Work on Weather Bureau.

Work on the United States Weather Bureau on Chimborazo Park is now going on rapidly. Nearly all the excavation has been completed, and a good deal of the lower brick work put in. Gas and water mains have been put in, and workmen are now opening conduits for electric lighting, telephone and telegraph cables. Earlier in the season the work was somewhat delayed because of the illness of the contractor. He has recovered and will endeavor to have the building ready for occupancy by the end of the year.

WORK ON VIADUCT SOON TO BEGIN

Deposit of \$100,000 Means That Promoters Will Not Surrender Franchise.

MUST START IN THIRTY DAYS

Officers of Company Decline to Discuss Plans, Preferring That Work Itself Speak.

Work will probably begin within the next ten days on the completion of the Marshall Street Viaduct, authorized under the extended franchise of the Richmond and Henrico Railway Company. Much of the concrete foundation work has already been done, and it is reported that the piers and abutments will be completed at once, and that steel for the superstructure has been ordered. Under the ordinance granting the extension of one year, the company has but thirty days from Saturday in which to begin work on both the viaduct and street railway system.

The posting on Saturday of certified checks for \$100,000 to be paid out just in front of the work, or materials furnished is taken as a demonstration of the intention of the company to immediately push forward the undertaking which has been hanging fire for the past eight years. Through lack of financial backing, it is argued by the supporters of the plan that if the franchise was a valuable one eight years ago it must be of much greater value now, with the continued growth of the city and the water dependence on street railway lines for intercommunication. Regardless of the street car lines, which are a part of the franchise, the opening of the Marshall Street Viaduct will mean a great change in property values and in methods of living in large sections of the city.

Great Help to Church Hill.

The viaduct will leave from Marshall Street, at the corner of Fourteenth just in front of the work, authorized under the extended franchise of the Richmond and Henrico Railway Company. Much of the concrete foundation work has already been done, and it is reported that the piers and abutments will be completed at once, and that steel for the superstructure has been ordered. Under the ordinance granting the extension of one year, the company has but thirty days from Saturday in which to begin work on both the viaduct and street railway